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COCOM/CHINCOM Secretariat Security Arrangements

1. POLTO A-545 from USRO, Paris on the subject of "COCOM/CHINCOM Secretariat Security Arrangements", has been brought to the attention of this Office. It is noted that COCOM has endorsed the findings and recommendations of the COCOM Sub-Committee on Security relative to physical security arrangements for C/C/C documents. It is noted, further, that the USRO Security Officer and the USDEL concur in the belief that these arrangements are as "close to those in NATO C-M(55)15 (ex SG 7/65) as can reasonably be expected."

2. The Central Intelligence Agency has a direct interest in the adequacy of security arrangements for the safeguarding of C/C/C material. CIA, furthermore, is the only agency of the Government which has conducted a document-by-document review in connection with this Government's commitment to provide a list of those documents for which a Secret classification should be retained. (ref: TOPOL 812 to Paris, 10 December 1954)

3. This Agency assumes that the pertinent provisions of Executive Order 10501, specifically Section 6 (b), have been incorporated into the new COCOM security system and are also observed by the USDEL in its handling of material provided by U.S. Intelligence agencies.

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